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SUBJ: CIVAIR PRECLEARANCE AGREEMENT, REF: HAMILTON 007.

1. SUBSEQUENT REFTEL DEP. GOV. KINNEAR PROPOSED CHANGING CLAUSE QUOTED PARA 3 REFTEL TO QUOTE ANY PERSON WISHING TO DEFER COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. CUSTOMS UNTIL HIS ARRIVAL IN THE U.S. MAY DO SO (A) BY TRAVELLING ON A POST CLEARED FLIGHT OR (B) BY SENDING HIS LUGGAGE AS UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE AND SUBMITTING HIS PERSON AND CARRIED ON ITEMS TO PRECLEARANCE PROCEDURES. UNQUOTE. KINNEAR'S LANGUAGE LIFTED FROM EARLIER DISCUSSIONS ON OPTION PROBLEM (SEE PARA 2 HAMILTON 198 OF JUNE 22, 1973).

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2. WE TOLD KINNEAR THAT HIS PROPOSED CHANGE WOULD BE FORWARDED WASHINGTON AND CLAUSE MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE USG IN SOME FORM IF NOT IN AGREEMENT ITSELF POSSIBLY BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES OR LETTERS. KINNEAR CABLING TO FCO JAN 8.

3. RE PARA 7 REFTEL GOB CABINET APPROVED FINAL DRAFT AND GOB PREPARED SIGN AGREEMENT PROMPTLY ONCE UK APPROVES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN ADDITION TO OPTION PROBLEM FCO OBJECTS TO ARTICLE III AS NOW WRITTEN AND

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WE HAVE SO INFORMED KINNEAR AND GOB. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND

ARTICLE III PROBLEM TO BE RESOLVED WASHINGTON-LONDON LEVEL.
4. ON DEC 31 WE MET WITH BRITISH AIRWAYS MANAGER BERMUDA
JAMES CROALL. MEETING FOLLOWED DISCUSSION WITH GOB AND
US INSPECTION AGENCIES AT AIRPORT REGARDING PROBLEM OF
COMINGLING OF PRECleared-POST CLEARED BAGGAGE - CONCLUSION
REACHED IN DISCUSSIONS WAS THAT 80PCT POST CLEARED BAGGAGE
ELIMINATED IF BA WOULD REINSTITUTE PRECLEARANCE ITS
FLIGHTS TO NEW YORK WHICH OCCUR SAME TIME FRAME
PRECleared FLIGHTS. REMAINING POST CLEARED BAGGAGE CAN
BE UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE BY GOB AND USG AUTHORITIES

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AT AIRPORT THROUGH LIAISON AT AIRPORT LEVEL. FOLLOWING OUR
DEC 31 MEETING WE AS AGREED WROTE CROAL LETTER OUTLINING
PROBLEM AND REQUESTING HE GET AUTHORITY REINSTITUTE
PRECLEARANCE BA FLIGHTS BERMUDA - NYC. CROALL OPTIMISTIC
BA WOULD GO ALONG AS CUSTOMS HAS AGREED CLEAR ALL SUCH
FLIGHTS AND THERE WOULD NOT BE DUPLICATE CHARGES IN
BDA AND IN NYC FOR THOSE FLIGHTS. FURTHER OUR REQUEST
BASED ON TIGHTENING SECURITY AND COMBATING
CONTRABAND AND DRUG IMPORTATIONS. GOB MINISTER BARRITT
FOLLOWED UP ON OUR LETTER WITH REQUEST FROM GOB FOR
BA TO REINSTITUTE PRECLEARANCE BDA-NYC.

5. TENTATIVE CODEL SCHEDULE BY SEPTEL FOR APPROVAL.

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